
Highlights

- Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) undertaken in Tuvalu.
- Emergency Logistics Training held in the Cook Islands.
- Second intern hosted as part of the WFP-IFRC logistics capacity strengthening initiative.



Image takes at Cook Islands Emergency Logistics Training (18-20 March 2019)

Background

The Pacific is one of the world's most vulnerable regions to risks posed by natural disasters. Of the 20 states with the highest average disaster losses scaled by GDP, eight are Pacific Island Countries (PICs). In September 2015, WFP opened its first office in the Pacific region, leading the regional Pacific Logistics Cluster, and supporting preparedness initiatives across an initial five priority countries: Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.

Following two years of preparedness activities, last year the Pacific Logistics Cluster realigned its 2018-2020 strategy to further emphasise localisation. Recognising the varied profiles, and unique challenges and operational capacities of each PIC, the cluster moved its focus to implement activities and preparedness advocacy initiatives through a sub-regional approach. Moreover, the revised strategy also saw a consolidation of the cluster's initial seven areas of focus into four core logistics pillars: Coordination, Information Management, Prepositioning and Training & Simulation. Preparedness activities are currently taking place across the following countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Coordination

- Mission undertaken to Samoa to support 2019 activity implementation, following the [Polynesia Sub-regional Workshop in Tonga](#). The mission also focused on the development of a national common storage proposal. The proposal is led by the Disaster Management Office, in collaboration with the National Logistics Unit.
- Two logistics development interns were hosted as part of a joint WFP-IFRC initiative. The internships focused on enhancing the rollout of the PALM platform across the Solomon Islands, developing logistics SOPs, and the review and pilot testing of stock holding plan templates. The initiative's Q1 report is available [here](#).

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- At the end of the 2018-19 OFDA funding period the following countries had Preparedness Roadmap for Logistics Preparedness (PRELog), national SOPs and/or Minimum Preparedness Actions under consideration: Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Kiribati and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).
- WFP Pacific 2019-2020 priorities have been finalised. Please contact [Jenna Lusaka](mailto:jenna.lusaka@wfp.org) for further information.

Information Management (IM)

- LCA undertaken in Tuvalu, as per their national workplan developed at the sub-regional workshop in Tonga.
- Mission undertaken by Pacific focal point from the Global Logistics Cluster IM team to streamline reporting and communications processes, and review key project documents, lessons learned and 2019 workplans.
- Engagement has begun with regional and national stakeholders on the design of a public facing website as part of the Pacific UBD project (to be launched November 2019). The website will support the implementation of Pillar 1 (communications) and Pillar 2 (Matching platform) as part of a phased approach.
- A series of social media and blog posts highlighting the Pacific Logistics Cluster were posted during Q1, placing a spotlight on the logistics preparedness work across the region. See blog posts [here](#).

Prepositioning

- The Pacific Logistics Cluster Coordinator conducted a *Talanoa talk* with Fiji Red Cross staff, including volunteers from subnational branches on the PALM platform and its benefits.
- A user survey on the PALM platform was circulated with Pacific partners. Results will be shared in May.

Training & Simulation

- An Emergency Logistics Training was successfully held in the Cook Islands. The training included the development of SOPs and practical stock management exercise. Report can be found [here](#).
- PALM platform training is ongoing through peer-to-peer capacity building sessions. Online training modules will be available in Q2.

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